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HEART ART CREATED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY - Carson Smith and Ryan Urquhart get some helpful coaching from Elk Point Municipal Library staff member Hannah Ganske during last Thursday's After School Crafts session, as the youngsters created heart-decked pictures and Valentine trees to celebrate the season.

Hanson lays out Wildrose plan to Unite the Right

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

The possibility to reunite conservatives under one tent and one party was the focus of meetings headed up by Wildrose MLA David Hanson last week, as he sought to clarify his party's position on the unite the right movement.

At the first of these meetings in St. Paul on Feb. 8, Hanson spoke to a crowd of about 20 Wildrose members and supporters, saying they could count on him to represent them as they voted.

"Number one, I'm a Wildrose MLA. I will always be a Wildrose MLA. I will not be walking across the floor to the NDP party," he said to some chuckles.

However, Wildrose leader Brian Jean has opened the door to talk about uniting conservatives under one banner, with Jean saying he would be welcome to running in a leadership race if that was to happen. Jean's plan involves uniting only under the Wildrose's legal structure, with a new name potentially chosen.

"None of it will happen without your approval, simple as that," he said, noting 75 per cent of Wildrose members must agree.

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Heads-up for non-profit groups on available grants

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Town of Elk Point Recreation Department brought County of St. Paul's Director of Corporate Services and "grant guru", Kyle Attanasio to town on Wednesday for a well-attended grant information session at Elk Point Municipal Library, bringing a variety of tips to nonprofit organizations ranging from the Agricultural Society to the Ukrainian Dance Club.

When Attanasio came to work for the County four years ago as an intern, he discovered that "a lot of grants were getting lost in the shuffle. I started applying and we got grants. It made a big difference."

An avid golfer, Attanasio learned that St. Paul Golf Club needed to build a driving range, and in his search for

grants, found that \$4.2 million in grants had gone to Alberta golf courses over the past five years. "There are a lot of grants out there and you can get a lot of bang for your buck" by applying for them, he noted.

"A lot of communities don't take advantage of grants they could qualify for. Just think what \$600,000 could do for your community... clearly, we need to do something different," he added, noting that \$65,566,645 from Alberta Lotteries has come to communities across the province in recreation funding over the past five years, with funding to all Elk Point community organizations during that time totaling only \$60,742. "That's not a lot of money," he said.

"Everybody comes to their municipality for money, often not until it becomes an emergency situation. We

need to come together and see how we can plan better, and when we have time to apply for the grants we need."

Attanasio said that some groups worry that if one group gets a grant, others will go without, but that isn't the case. "Bonnyville got 27 grants in one year," for example. He suggested that community groups make a plan, listing the top priorities for which grant funding is needed. That would benefit both the municipalities and the organizations, which would then have less need to come up with money quickly, he said.

"We can't fix everything, but the more we bring in, the better our communities will be."

While applying for grants is time consuming, challenging, and adds to the workload of volunteers who already have very busy lives, Attanasio still feels it is very worthwhile. "We want

to make it as simple as possible," he noted, volunteering his services and those of Elk Point Recreation Director Jena Colbourne to look over grant applications before they are sent in, in case changes need to be made to increase their likelihood of being approved.

One of the most popular grants is the Community Facility Enhancement Program, or CFEP, which he says is "surprisingly very successful. The County has had a lot of luck with it." CFEP grants of up to \$125,000 require the applicant organization to come up with matching funds, and the program has now added a second stream for projects requiring between \$125,000 to \$1 million in funding. Unsuccessful applicants are able to apply again in the next grant period, he added, "and you can't get the money if you don't put an application in."

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Two-day event will mark 225 years for Forts, 25 years for Provincial Historic Site

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site is gearing up and sprucing up for the 2017 season, with some exciting changes in programming now in the planning stages. This year, the site will mark 25 years of operation, and 225 years since the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company built their rival fur trade forts on the hills above the North Saskatchewan River southeast of Elk Point.

While last year's attendance at the special events improved, with 92 visitors attending the Bears and Berries, attendance at the Bushcraft event more than four times that of the previous year, and the school visit calendar was filled to capacity, overall visitation decreased by 300 people for the season, with the weather a major contributing factor.

This year, the two special events will be combined into a single two-day Bushcraft 2017 event, to be held July 15 and 16, with twice as much time to view unique demonstrations, take part in survival activities and get some hands-on learning. Visitors will discover what challenges were faced in day-to-day life by those who lived in the forts and those who were part of the fur brigades as they visit with this season's special guests, the historical re-enactors in the Edmonton House Brigade, some of whom were also on hand for Bushcraft 2016.

Special activities and displays celebrating 25 years

of the Interpretive Centre will also be part of the weekend.

Forts staff will also be visiting campgrounds in the area this summer with outreach interpretive sessions to promote the site and offer some of the educational and entertaining programming similar to that children across the region have enjoyed during school visits to Fort George and Buckingham House. Program coordinator Ross Stromberg feels that the visits would "tell part of the Forts story and hopefully raise awareness and interest in the Forts."

School programs play a major role at the site, and Stromberg told the Friends of the Forts at last month's meeting that school bookings were already coming in, with nine already on the calendar at that point. Many more were expected to be added after he attends two teachers' conventions this month, which he says always reminds teachers of their urgent need to book their dates before none are available.

The site offers a variety of school programs, including a general tour program for students in Grades 3 and up, including a tour of the interpretive gallery, and a trek to the sites of the two forts, where they will stand where history really happened.

One program for ECS to Grade 2 students explores life in the fur trade with students feeling the soft furs, dressing in historic costumes, visiting the tipi and trying their hands at trade. Another program for this age group is the always-popular Bison Hunt, where they discover how important the bison was to the fur trade,

and make their very own stick horse to ride as they herd a friendly bison into a traditional hunting pound.

The Fur Factor and Voyageur Skills Competition for all ages from Grade 2 to adult has also been part of some of the Forts' summer events in the past, teaching skills that were needed in the fur forts of the 1790s. An Archaeology program for Grades 3 to 6 and The Bounty of the Land, for Grades 4 and up, teaches how the people of the forts used the plants are also popular programs, but Trappers and Trade, for Grade 4 to adult, is the all-time most popular program and is based on the real historical competition between the two forts at this site. It is also available as one of the outreach programs that Stromberg takes to schools around the area during the winter months, with one of this year's visits scheduled for LeGoff.

Meanwhile, back at the Interpretive Centre, work will soon get underway on preparing a new cover for the teepee in the gallery from 10 traditionally tanned moose hide, with two qualified crafters available to hand stitch the hides together. The centre's original teepee cover was made from elk hides, Stromberg noted, but the people who lived north of the North Saskatchewan River at the time of the fur trade used moose hide to construct the covers for their homes. He also told the Friends that back in those days, the hides were changed every two or three years, with the wood-smoked upper part recycled into clothing and the lower portion used to line the bottom of the teepee to provide added protection against the winter cold.

SPERD board approves 2017/18 school calendar

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The 2017/18 St. Paul Education Regional Division school calendar has been approved, following feedback from parents and staff within the schools.

Superintendent Glen Brodziak presented the calendar draft for approval on Wednesday afternoon, during the SPERD board meeting. A list of feedback received from staff and parents was also included.

Through consultations, it was noted that parents prefer to start the school year after the Labour Day long weekend. Although it doesn't always work out this year, it will be possible to start the next school year after the long weekend, noted Brodziak.

He explained that quite often, it's a simple matter of counting back from diploma exams in June, and ensuring there are enough teaching days in the year. The calendar also takes into account three or four snow days through the year.

Brodziak said there was a obvious that the Draft #2 calendar was the one people preferred.

Board chair Heather Starosielski said she received feedback, and parents like when P.D. days are attached to long weekends.

It was also noted in the calendar feedback notes that parents and staff do not want a midweek Christmas break, since it could result in increased absences in the weeks before and after Christmas.

The feedback also stated staff are enjoying the longer break after Christmas, rather than before.

The first day of school for the

2017/18 school year will be Sept. 5, while the last day will be June 28, 2018.

Water

SPERD is bracing for what could be a "significant" budget consideration, as the cost of water is set to increase at schools within its jurisdiction. While some increases are standard, other schools, specifically Ashmont, will see a huge increase due to the completion of infrastructure projects.

In Ashmont, the school now gets EPCOR water following the completion of the Spedden to Ashmont waterline. While the water is a much better quality than what was previously flowing to the school, the costs associated with the change will be substantial, heard the board.

Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne acknowledged that municipalities are moving toward more of a user-pay system. Overall, Champagne estimates that there will be a \$23,000 increase in water costs, which translates to a 40 per cent increase.

"It's a substantial increase for us," he said. He noted that New Myrnam School would also see a notable increase, along with Mallaig School. St. Paul schools will see increases to water costs also, although they are not as substantial.

The question of whether or not the division should look into retrofitting some of the schools, to reduce water consumption, was brought up.

Furthermore, water consumption does vary from school to school. For example, there is a significant difference between water use at Elk Point Elementary, compared to F.G. Miller, which leads to the question of possible retrofitting being necessary at some schools.

The board directed SPERD administration to contact the County of St. Paul public works department to get some clarity on what can be expected in the coming years, to ensure proper understanding and budgeting.

Living Flag

In his superintendent report, Brodziak reported that the Town of St. Paul FCSS and the youth council have requested students from SPERD be part of a living flag project, in honour of Canada 150.

The project would see 1,200 students and staff brought together at the Regional High School football field. Participants will wear red and white t-shirts and organize themselves in the shape of the Canada flag.

Brodziak noted that although he can't support spending funds on busing students in for the project, he does see the worth in the project, which will likely draw in students who attend schools right in St. Paul.

"There are some learning outcomes with Canada 150," he said. The living flag project is expected to take place on June 8, and is meant to celebrate

inclusiveness.

Football field

Plans are moving ahead in regards to getting lighting installed at the St. Paul Regional High School football field. Last year, the football club approached SPERD with the idea of getting lights installed. The club will be fundraising and applying for a grant for the project, while SPERD will pay for the power for the lights, once they are installed.

The football club requested a letter of support for the project, so it can move ahead with a grant, and soliciting for funds. The board approved the request.

Accountability Pillar

The Accountability Pillar surveys have been mailed out, and parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students are being asked to fill out the surveys.

The board and SPERD administration agreed that the information received through the survey is seen as being very important and useful for the school board.

Starosielski requested a reminder be put on social media to encourage parents to fill out the surveys.

Grants

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Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grants are available for capital and operating expenses, and there are also Alberta Community Partnership grants, the FCM Green Municipal Fund and private funding programs ranging from Blue Cross to Agrispirit, Attanasio said, with announcements of federal grant programs expected this year.

Co-op Community Spaces grants are another source of potential funding, Colbourne added. She also handed out information on the civic partnerships, community grants and Arts and Culture Endowment Fund available through the

Town of Elk Point.

Long range planning is needed, Attanasio said. "Know what you will need in future years. Municipalities are being asked to do more with less, so we all need to be proactive, we need to get as much grant funding as possible." To apply for a grant, an organization will require a society number, a list of directors and a current financial report, he said, and letters of support from the municipalities or other sources are also helpful.

Attanasio praised the ongoing efforts of the volunteers, and said, "We don't tell you often enough how much we appreciate all the work you do in your community."

Elk Point CAO Ken Gwozdz told the groups to be sure to apply for Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding through the town, and noted that the 2017 MSI allotment will be available in June. He also suggested that the organizations list their top priorities and work together, in much the same way that municipalities such as the town and the county do, to maximize the effectiveness of grant funding. "The town and county are very close partners."

Colbourne volunteered to create an expanded list of available grants to post on the town's website, and also agreed to help navigate organizations toward the appropriate grant to fill their needs.

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association

Annual General Meeting

will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm
at the County of St. Paul basement, south entrance

EVERYONE WELCOME

Elks stampede Mustangs in four games

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Two big wins over the Dewberry Mustangs last week gave the Elk Point Elks the go-ahead to the next round of SaskAlta Hockey League playoffs.

The teams were tied at one game apiece when they traveled to Onion Lake on Wednesday, but the Elks wasted no time in pulling ahead, with Chevy Botting scoring a pair of goals in the middle of the first period, the first unassisted by Devin Moneta, who went on to score his first of the evening three minutes later, assisted by Botting and Lee Letestu. Nicolas Trufal added a fourth Elks goal to the scoreboard off an assist by Jordyn Wozniak before the first intermission.

Scott Ward opened the second period with a goal only 43 seconds from the faceoff, assisted by Trufal, with Moneta adding his second, again assisted by Botting and Letestu, just minutes later. He would complete his hat trick with help from the same pair early in the third to give the Elks a 7-0 lead. It came close to a shutout for goalie Paul Boulianne, but the Mustangs' Tyler Knight, assisted by Blair Sinclair, finally got past him with 57 seconds left on the third period clock.

An excellent crowd that included a number of Elks alumni and Elks Lodge members was on hand for Friday night's game in Elk Point, where team captain Jason Kalynchuk opened the scoring just under eight minutes into the game, unassisted in the lone goal of the first period.

Both Boulianne, who accepted the Player of the Year trophy before the first faceoff, and Dewberry goalie Justin Bowtell were very much on top of the game throughout the second period, with only one shot making it past each of them, Botting scor-



HIGH FIVES AND HANDSHAKES after the buzzer rang on the fourth and final game of their SaskAlta Hockey League quarter final series, where they defeated Dewberry Mustangs three games to one.

ing for the Elks off an assist by Ben Blacklock and Kurt Bensmiller scoring what would prove to be the Mustangs' only goal off assists by Lee Popescuil and Ryley Bates.

The Elks amped up the power in the third period, with Blacklock scoring off Letestu and Moneta in the first half, Mark Brodwin, assisted by Sean Joly and Botting, and Botting, assisted by Wozniak, scoring a pair 12 seconds apart, and Dyson Karbaszewski firing

the parting shot, assisted by Kalynchuk, with 1:50 left on the clock, bringing the score to 6 - 1 for the Elks and winding up the best-of-five series with three wins in a row.

The Elks now take on the Hillmond Hitmen, who defeated Lashburn Flyers in four games in their first playoff round. Wainwright will take on the Marwayne Comets in the other best-of-seven semifinal series.

Hanson

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"We are the only party in Alberta that is member-driven and we want to keep it that way."

However, he said the Wildrose could not get away from the conversation about uniting the right, a discussion fueled by the campaign of Jason Kenney, who is running for the leadership of the Progressive Conservatives with a view to merge that party with the Wildrose.

In the last six months, Hanson said he had been constantly asked, "What are you guys going to do?", "Are you going to join with the PCs?" and "We've got to get rid of the NDP government."

"Initially the plan was to let the PC leadership race take place; we didn't want to interfere with that," he said, adding, however, it is clear Kenney is staging a hostile takeover of the PC party. Wildrose MLAs realized it was not a wise move to sit and wait for him to take over the PCs before he turned his sights on doing the same thing to their party, he said.

"We felt it was very important for us to step out and make a stand."

Hanson laid out a timeline for people, noting that by March of 2018, the time will start ticking like a countdown, with the NDP government able to call an election at any point.

Jean has suggested that if members of both parties want unification, the Wildrose would call

an annual general meeting in June or July, starting a leadership race that would end in summer. The Wildrose would keep its constitution and assets, and open the door to PCs joining their party.

"We're riding kind of high right now," Hanson said, adding Jean is polling well against Kenney, and the party is doing well in fundraising. If the party was to dissolve, it would have to give its assets to Elections Alberta. Few Wildrose members will have an appetite to flush their fundraising dollars down the toilet, making opening the door to PC members a much better option, Hanson felt.

Some Wildrose members, at one point, would have said, "There's no damn way we can allow PCs to join," said Hanson, but now, Wildrose supporters are more focused on removing the NDP government. He said this could be done either through uniting under one banner, or, alternatively, through PC leadership candidate Richard Starke's plan, which is to have PCs and Wildrose not compete against each other to win seats, with the possibility to form a coalition government.

"The main goal should be to defeat the NDP," he said, adding this was more important than Kenney, Jean, or their respective parties.

While members gathered seemed to agree with Hanson's main points, they posed some questions about the unification plan. One said he felt that a lot of people had

voted against the PCs in the last election and that it was important to keep the Wildrose name, if a new party was created.

Another person asked about rural and urban divides, and whether the Wildrose felt it could make inroads into the urban area to form government.

Hanson said the party already does well in Calgary, while not so well in Edmonton; however, he felt this came down to "radical elements" of the Wildrose that had emerged in the 2012 election, that had given the party a "fire and brimstone" image.

"There is that stigma," he acknowledged, adding however, that general awareness that the party believes in supporting good social programs, as well as fielding the right candidates, will go a long way towards fixing that image.

"If you look back at it, we're all conservatives," he said, adding that PCs and Wildrose members both have to put their past rifts aside, and focus on getting rid of the NDP government, for the betterment of Alberta.

"Let's work together and get this province back on track."

Jean and Hanson will be in attendance at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Friday evening for the Alberta Talks Banquet, and Hanson is strongly encouraging members of the general public to attend, in addition to Wildrose members.

St. Michael's to host World Day of Prayer 2017

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"Am I being unfair to you?" is the question asked on World Day of Prayer in a service written by the World Day of Prayer committee of the Philippines.

Before the World Wide Web, there was the World Day of Prayer, an international event that has been connecting people in a meaningful way for almost a century. Despite being planned years in advance, World Day of Prayer services have a remarkable record for anticipating major events like the refugee crisis in France in 2013, the Arab Spring in Egypt, 2014 and the winding down of the US embargo against Cuba in 2016.

The secret to this depth and insight is the women who plan and write each World Day of Prayer service. Too often women have the most intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadian women learn from the women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resour-

ces interest, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "Am I being fair to you?"

On March 3, Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray and celebrate in solidarity with the women of the Philippines through World Day of Prayer.

A local World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Michael's Parish, Elk Point on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. and people of all faiths are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Theresa McNamara at 780-724-4749.

In Canada, the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. This event has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920. This event became the International World Day of Prayer in 1922, and Christians around the world began celebrating this event on the first Friday of March.

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EDITORIAL

Our Valentines!

Today is Valentine's Day - what better time to express our appreciation for the people who help so much to bring you Elk Point's news every week.

First of all is our award-winning sports reporter Doug Bassett, who somehow keeps track of all the teams and what they are doing, and even has a nickname for almost every player on the minor ball and hockey teams. He's been doing this for almost 20 years and there's not another weekly paper sports reporter in the area who has been on the job that long. And, like the name of the ceremony that honoured him in 2015, he does it just "for the love of the game."

Then there are the others who help us out by sending pictures and news from adult and youth clubs, organizations, schools, and around the community. We really appreciate their input, and are always happy to have their help in getting the news out.

Big thanks and Valentine's hugs to all these great people! This paper wouldn't be the same without you!

RECREATION CORNER

Fresh new look for A. G. Ross

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Elk Point Minor Hockey is hosting Midget D Provincials in just over a month, March 24 to 27, 2017. The event will bring in kids from all over the province to compete in a three-day round-robin style tournament; with the winning club skating away with all the glory, a Provincial Championship. I would like to acknowledge the volunteer that have been working hard, every spare minute they have between work, raising kids, and maintaining a household to come down to the arena and put in more work on the facility to ensure it is ready for our guests next month.

There have been a load of parent volunteers and I really hope I don't miss any in my acknowledgements. Please believe me, it's not because they are unnoticed. To Myrna Morozuik and Tim Smereka, my dad, Doug Bassett, really gives the two of you credit for sparking the volunteer flame! Both Myrna and Tim spent whole days and nights painting the change rooms and south hallway.

When I was at the rink on Monday evening, a group of parents who had just dropped their kids off for an extended Storm practice went right to work painting, washing and organizing. What an outstanding group of individuals. After long days at their day jobs and rushing to get kids from school to the supper table to the ice surface, these people had the power left in them to work for 3-4 hours on the rink. I imagine they've been doing this quite a lot over the last few weeks. Thanks to the volunteers I saw on Monday, the Poitras, Bendixens, Warawas, Staffords, Rogals, and Capjacks. And did I mention that James Capjack lead an extra long Storm practice to keep the kids busy while the parents worked on the building?!

I also need to give a shout out to the Midget boys who washed walls and really made the south hallway look bright and beautiful!

It is such an honour to be a host community for a Provincial tournament. I'm not sure that's recognized as much as it should be. The tournament brings with it hundreds of kids and their parents, who will eat, shop and some will stay in our town. The economic spin off from the event can be enormous. On top of that, we get the opportunity to show the province why Elk Point is the Right Place to Be... first and foremost on the list are the volunteers!

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Eighty years, sixth victory, 45,000 cubic meters

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14 IN...

1987

The liveliest discussion in some time erupted at Town Council during a debate on the golf club lease agreement, with major disagreement over the potential redevelopment of the golf course layout to allow for the addition of ball diamonds. Planning was well underway for celebrations of Elk Point's 80th anniversary of settlement and its 25th anniversary as a town, with projects including a contest for a new town flag design.

1992

The grand official opening of the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre was held, with MLA John Drobot cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Millie Orr edged out Dave Yake in a close race for the presidency of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, with vice-president Vern King, secretary Victor Stepa and treasurer Vicki Brooker all elected by acclamation.

1997

The Vulcan Electric rink skipped by Don Clark won their fourth annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel grand challenge, their sixth victory in eight years. The newly formed Community Health Council visited Elk Point and heard presentations from the Licensed Practical Nurses, the Area Diabetes Education Committee and Elk Point Interagency Health Committee Task Force.

2002

The 2002 Canada Day celebrations would celebrate '135 years of Canadian people,' with planning well underway for the event and multicultural performers being sought for the stage show. The Town of Elk Point increased their support for the Elk Point Golf and Country Club, increasing the amount of raw water

which the club would receive free of cost to 45,000 cubic metres.

2007

"Remembering our past, looking forward to our future" was chosen as the theme for the 2007 Elk Point Centennial and Canada Day weekend of celebrations.



STARTING LINEUP - Devin Moneta, Lee Letestu, Corry Bezpalko and Scott Dallaire were in the starting lineup for the exciting contest between the St. Paul Junior B Canadians and Killam Wheat Kings at the A. G. Ross Arena

2012

Mackenzie Evans was first and Kailey Wirsta second in the Junior category and Nolan Vogel first and Mathew McAnally second in the Intermediates when the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club held their annual public speaking competition, with Seniors Dayle and Bailey Oster, Intermediate Morgan Baker and Junior Dustin Pinder presenting the first place competitions in their age groups. Acting president Debra McQuinn was voted in as president of the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce, with Dwayne Yaremkevich as vice president, Geoff Hyslop as treasurer and Vicki Brooker as secretary, and the usual first and third Wednesday meetings were switched to a single monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

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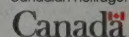
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Atom Avalanche headed to the Big Show

One for the money, two for the show...The **Atom Avalanche** are going to the big show! The Stanley Cup of minor hockey! The Atom D provincial championship final, on the weekend of March 17th to the 19th in Delburne. Congratulation to head coach James Capjack and his assistants, Conrad Pierce and Shane Fontaine, team managers Melissa Rogal and Gwen Pierce and of course all 15 of the boys. This past Thursday night the team traveled to Mannville to play in the final round robin for the Zone 2 championship, coming home with a 16 to 0 win, winning the series in one game. This is the first time we have had a Atom team make it to the provincial final in many years, in fact the last time was 13 years ago, way back in 2003. Players on that team include some of our former and present day Elks senior players, Jordyn 'Tiger' Wozniak, Dylan 'In Your Face' Loughran, Harrison 'Dirty Harry' Maas and Kameron 'Boom Boom' Ballas who plays with the Kitscoty senior team, they were all part of the last provincial Atoms to make it out of our Zone 2 to the final.

On Saturday afternoon the Atoms played a league game against Mallaig winning 10 to 2. Great team effort once again. Five goals in this one for 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras, two each for Cash 'CC' Capjack and Phoenix the 'Pony Express' Quinney-Canning, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand with one, three assists for Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron, 'Timmy Joe' Cardinal and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine with two assists each, Vaughn the 'Vulture' Ockerman, 'Top Gunner' Crawford, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal and 'Saint Nic' Penner all getting in on the action with helpers.

Two down, one to go! The **Bantam Avalanche** are still waiting to play Boyle in their final round robin for the Zone 2 banner and the right to travel to provincials. Those games are scheduled for the weekend of February 25th and 26th. Meanwhile, the crunch is on for the Bantams who are sitting on the bubble in league play and are still in the hunt to make the playoffs this year. Any loss now may put them out of contention, as I'm sure the coaching staff of Greg Van Maarion, Marty Bendixen, and Tyson Stafford reminded them before the game on Saturday; but they gave themselves a fighting chance late that afternoon, winning over Wainwright 5 to 2. Down 1 to 0 after the first 20 minutes, they picked up the play in the second period, Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion scoring on the power play

assisted by 'Hank the Tank' Rogal and 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage, then the 'Lightning' taking things in his own hands, scoring one all alone, a short handed goal at that, making it 2 to 1 after 40 minutes. The

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and 'Lightning' both scoring a goal with the man advantage, both of them assisted by 'King Cole' Bendixen. Talented Charlie 'Angel' Rogal adding an even-strength goal. The final score 5 to 2 for the Avalanche. Normally a quiet stay at home defenseman, Jace 'the Stafford Streak' doing a little rushing with the puck, a terrific job of moving it up the ice with two assists in this one.

The **Peewee** boys had a great game Saturday afternoon too; down by two goals in the third, they came back to tie the game. Saddle Lake scoring with 39 seconds left on the clock to win the game, the final score 7 to 6. The peewee special teams were also clicking on Saturday, scoring four of the six goals on the power play. Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski and 'Mic Jager' Fontaine with a hat trick each, two assists for team captain Kobe 'the Cobra' Warawa, rugged D-man Josef 'Big Red' Theriault with one assist. Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk, Odin 'the Wall' Smith, 'Wild Wyatt' Pavoll, 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal, CeaJay Quinney and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman all playing their butts off. Goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk facing 46 shots. The whole team winning the 'Heart and Hustle' for their effort.

The **Storm Bantam Girls** team is no longer just an easy pushover... when teams push these girls, these girls push back and give effort like no other team I have ever seen. One thing I must say about the Storm bantam girls team is they will never surrender! Never, never, never! Saturday they traveled to the Border City, taking a early 2 to 1 lead at one point in the first, then down 4 to 3 after the second, the final 6 to 3. Considering this, six of the 12 Storm skaters are still peewee aged, two of them are still first year peewee aged, you have to give them a gold star for their effort.

Workhorse Halle 'Comet' Stybel going top shelf, scoring the first one, assisted by the solid and steady long striding defense woman Avery 'Whirlwind' Warawa. No longer the nice girl she used to be, Jenna 'Precious' Poitras getting right into the Blazers goalie grill, scoring one short handed, assisted by the 'Comet'. The Storm taking the Blazers by surprise and not rolling over or putting up the white flag to surrender, Laramie 'Louis' Parr going coast to coast scoring the third one for the Storm. She's still a peewee and is going to be a great player one day, heck, she already is! Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa is one of the first year peewee players and she is going to be a dominating player one day too, she has some grit in her and is one of the finest skaters I've personally seen in all of our minor hockey system. Just wait until she gets a little older and bigger.... look out boys! On Sunday the Storm hosted Irma, one of the top teams in the league with a very strong and huge defense, the girls not getting a lot of shots on net, but still played an intense game for the full 60 minutes.

The **Novice 1A** team were as little sluggish getting out of the gate on Saturday morning when they traveled to Mallaig, but picked it up a notch in the second and third periods, winning 8 to 3. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with a hat trick, two goals each for 'Without a Trace' Morgan and Sebastien 'Bruce' Brousseau, 'Stellar Ella' Ballas with one goal. Two assists for 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa, one assist each for 'Mad Dog', 'Without a Trace' and 'Sus-pencer' Malachowski.

The **Novice 1B** team traveled to Frog Lake on Sunday morning, losing a close one 4 to 2. Brenden 'Buzzsaw' Kadutski and Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk scoring the goals, Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka and Keyson 'Dynamite' DeMoissac with the assists.

The league leading Midget Avalanche are rolling right along with another two big wins this past weekend. Saturday night against Provost the game was tied 2-all after the first, the boys turning up the heat in the last two periods and winning 5 to 2. Two goals each for Bowen 'Bam Bam' Krider and the 'Big O' Brody Odgaard, Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage with a single. Three assists for the slick stick handler, the very tricky Nicky 'Sparky' Anderson. Also picking up assists, Chad 'Pickpocket' Poitras, 'Warrior Warren' Ference, Kyle 'Ketchup' Kjenner and Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey.

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SPRUCING UP FOR PROVINCIALS - Dean Rogal and Candace Bendixen rehang the blinds after the A. G. Ross Arena lobby was freshened up with a new coat of paint.



SPORTSHOUND ON THE JOB - Doug Bassett hauls the trophies over for the ladies to clean as other volunteers paint the Horizon Room.

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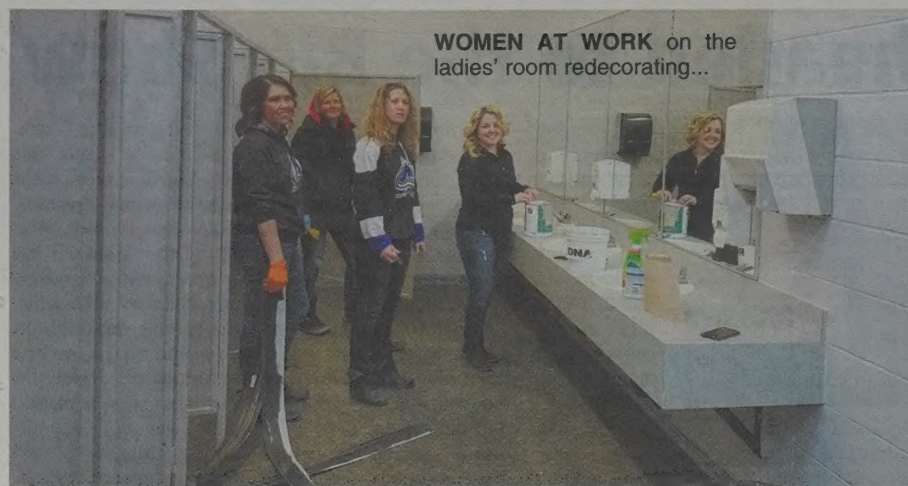
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Recreation

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Thanks to everyone who spent time at the rink getting it ready for the tournament. The change rooms are now a very modern beige-grey, which may shock some who are used to the bright blue that covered the walls since the extension was built in 1991. The lobby is being completed this week, and has undergone a few paint jobs.

Anyone remember when my mom (Donna) painted the figure skaters and the hockey players on the walls? I quite miss them! Mainly because I liked to pretend she painted the figure skater in my image.

On Monday, the skating room was still blue, but I have been told it'll be painted as well. The Elks Room had undergone a massive reno early in the season, which I'm told really ignited the conversation of doing the whole building. I'm glad they have, as it looks very sharp!

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Hockey

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On Sunday against Frog Lake, the game was really close for the first 40 minutes and going into the third period it was still 4-all until the last 10 minutes when the Avalanche opened up the taps again and flooded them with shots, 8 to 5 the final in favor of the Avalanche. 'Ketchup' and 'Bam Bam' with two goals and two assists each, the 'Big O' with a goal and two assists, 'Hot Wheels' and 'Sparky' with one goal and one assist each, 'Captain Obvious' Austin Stafford chipping in with a goal as well. Rugged D-man 'Warrior Warren' with two helpers, his hard nosed cousin Cyle 'Grinder' Graus adding one helper and a pile of blocked shots to assist his goalie.

And speaking of that, one of the biggest reasons this team has had success this year is the goalie tandem of Shane 'Hercules' Hurtubise and

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All you boys out there... don't forget it's Valentine's Day today... remember to give your sweetheart something special... and it's a good opportunity to give something special to a potential sweetheart too! You'll never know, unless you try!!

Happy birthday wishes going out today to former Elk Point minor hockey moms Betty Poitras, Sandie Bishop and Karen Bjornstad.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week: "Sheppard skates slower than a tax refund." Last week's answer to "This team never quits. Now if they can just start winning." - Todd Marchant

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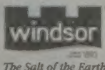
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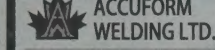
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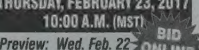
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CRIMINAL RECORD? Why suffer employment/licensing loss? Travel/business opportunities? Be embarrassed? Think: Criminal Pardon. US entry waiver. Record purge. File destruction. Free consultation 1-800-347-2540.

7310. Health Services

CANADA BENEFIT GROUP - Attention Alberta residents: Do you or someone you know suffer from a disability? Get up to \$40,000 from the Canadian Government. Toll free 1-888-511-2250 or www.canadabenefit.ca/freeassessments.



LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS SESSION - Caassie O Reilly, Carson Smith Ryan Urquhart and Robyn Urquhart display the Valentine's Day art they made last Thursday with some help from Elk Point Municipal Library staff members Hannah Ganske and Cassandra Moores.

JUST A REMINDER...

FEBRUARY LIBRARY TEA
TUESDAY, FEB. 14, 2 P.M.

Jr. High SPAA Basketball league standings***As of Feb. 7, 2017****Girls Pool A**

WIN LOSS

Kihew Asiniy 3 0
Racette 2 0
Ashmont 1 2
Mallaig 1 2
Myrniam 0 3

Girls Pool B

WIN LOSS

Glendon 4 0
Glen Avon 3 1
FG Miller 2 2
Frog Lake 1 2
Kehewin 1 2
Heinsburg 0 4

Boys Pool A

WIN LOSS

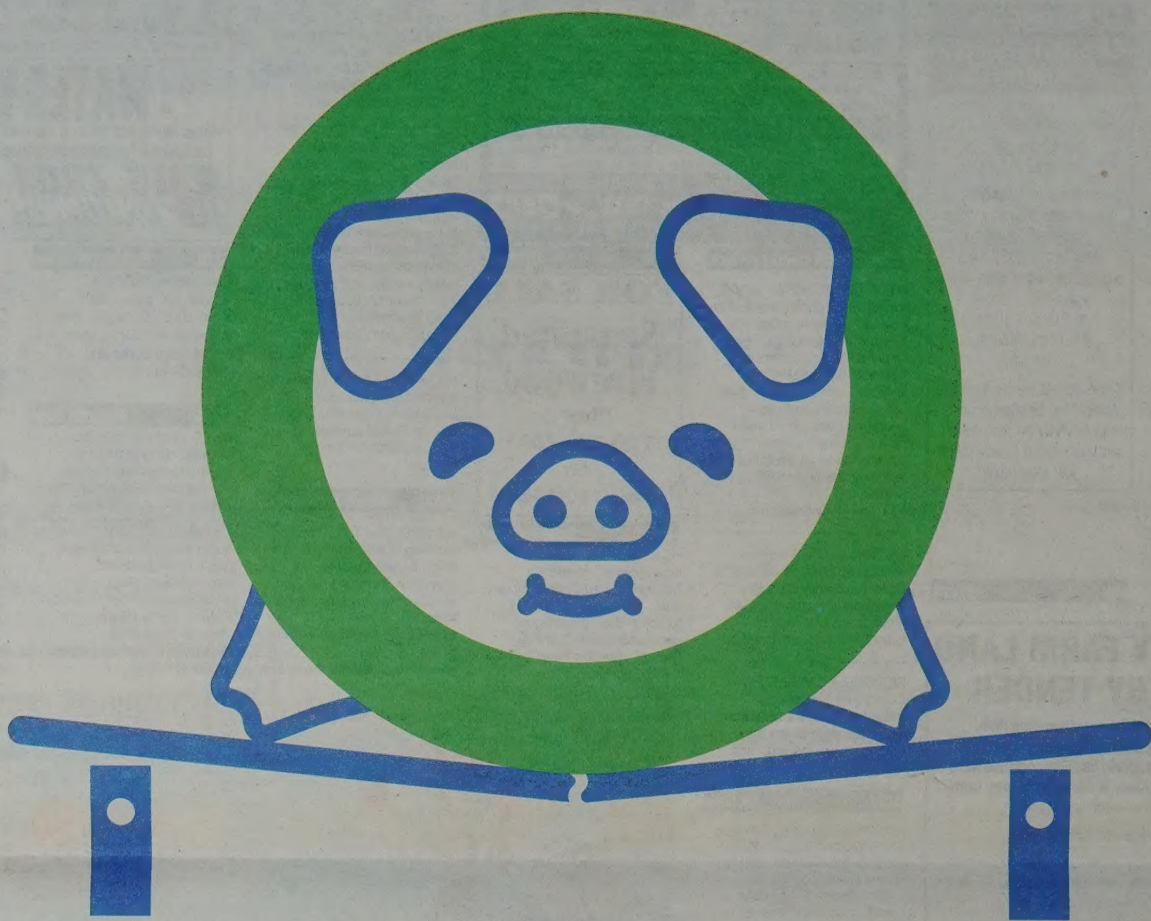
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